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2. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein a control pressure medium serves as the control variable, and including the step of controlling a valve position as a function of a control pressure.

3. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the control variable is an electrical signal, and including the step of controlling a valve position as a function of the electrical signal.

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6. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 4, wherein a control means modulates the control variable from the pilot variable.

7. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hydraulically-operated device actuates a stepless gear change means in an automatic transmission.

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8. (Amended) A control system for supplying a hydraulically-operated device with a working medium, said control system comprising: one of a pressure control valve and a pressure reduction valve, which can be controlled via a control means by a control variable in order to adjust a working medium pressure on the hydraulically-operated device within a nominal pressure range and a maximum pressure range,

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wherein the maximum pressure range is between a system pressure value and the nominal pressure range, including an actuation means for the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve that actuates a valve body member beyond a specified value of the control variable in such a way that with equal changes of the control variable the working medium pressure in the maximum pressure range changes more than in the nominal pressure range.

9. (Amended) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve includes a valve body member that is operated by a control medium serving as a control variable.

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11. (Amended) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the control means is a proportional valve that modulates the control variable from a pilot variable.

12. (Amended) A control system in accordance with claim 11, wherein the pilot variable is a pilot pressure and wherein the control means is a proportional valve that can be controlled electrically.

13. (Amended) A control system in accordance with claim 12, wherein the proportional valve modulates the control medium pressure for the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve from the pilot pressure as a function of its selection.

14. (Amended) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the valve

body member of the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve includes a pressure feedback surface against which the working medium pressure is applied.

15. (Amended) A control system in accordance with claim 14, wherein the actuation means is an on-off valve and is arranged downstream from the pressure feedback surface, and the actuation means is actuated by the control means, and wherein beyond a defined value of the control variable the pressure feedback to the pressure feedback surface is at least restricted.

Kindly add the following new claim:

--18. A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the hydraulically-operated device actuates a stepless gear change means in an automatic transmission.

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended for purposes of clarification, to maintain consistency of terminology, and to provide antecedent basis in the claims where necessary.

Attached hereto as Attachment A are amended specification paragraphs 0026 and 0029 showing the changes made to those paragraphs from the originally filed specification. Additionally, attached hereto as Attachment B is a set of the claims as hereinabove amended, showing all additions, deletions, and modifications of those claims that are reflected in the clean claims presented above.